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SITE: Vienna St Dump
BREAK: 1.9
OTHER: V2

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Mr. Mario Villamarzo
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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
South Site Management Branch, Superfund
60 Forsyth Street
11th Floor AFC
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mario:

It was reported in one of our Fort Valley Woolfolk Alliance meetings that you stated that the Vienna Street dump would never become a superfund sight. While that position from a person employed by the agency that entrusted with protecting our environment disturbs us, it is our position that statement may be true. However, that position does not end the Woolfolk Citizens Response Group's (WCRG) efforts for environmental equity in Fort Valley.

Since the site was placed on the NPL in 1990 and work was initiated and completed at the Powersville land fill, residents in the community around the old city dump have been concerned about possible contamination in their neighborhood. And, after explaining their concerns to officials from the Agency For Toxic Substances Disease Registry, haul routes were randomly sampled on July 12 and August 7, 2000.

Results from that sampling revealed high level of Toxaphene and other site contaminants in that neighborhood. Then, in a meeting wherein those results were explained to the community, it was reported that an "Emergency Removal Action" would be required. Our only knowledge of this kind of action suggest that it is required because of an accidental toxic spill or because of its association with a superfund site like the Woolfolk Chemicals Works Site in Fort Valley.

Because no new contaminants other than those found at the Woolfolk site and because of the high levels found and reported in the Black and Beach report on site at the Vienna Street Dump, and because it has been the documented opinion of WCRG that the scope of contamination from the Woolfolk site has, to date, not been adequately characterized, and because the initial report stated that "contaminants were spread through the air from an open conveyer belt at the plant, we ask that a comprehensive testing plan be developed for the entire community along the haul routes from the plant to the land fill. We further request that this action be taken as a part of the current site activities as opposed to opening a new site here.



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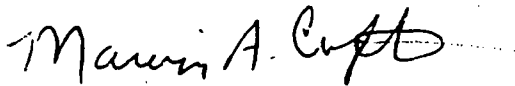
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We, in addition to this, ask that members from the impacted community along with members of WCRG be involved in the identification of the scope and development of this proposed sampling plan.

Sincerely,



Morris Hillsman, President



Marvin A. Crafter, Project Manager

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